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In re Application of
Alexander Gaiger et al
Application No. 10/057,475
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Attorney Docket No. 014058-014402US

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed December 12, 2005.

The petition is **NOT APPROVED**.

The Office cannot approve the request at this time since the reasons provided do not meet any of the conditions under the mandatory or permissive categories enumerated in 37 CFR 10.40. Section 10.40 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations states, "[a] practitioner shall not withdraw from employment in a proceeding before the Office without permission from the Office[.]" More specifically, 37 CFR 10.40 states, "[i]f paragraph (b) of this section is not applicable, a practitioner may not request permission to withdraw in matter pending before the Office unless such request or such withdrawal is" for one of the permissive reasons listed in 37 CFR 10.40(c). The reasons set forth in the request, "Discontinuation of attorney/client relationship," do not clearly meet any of the conditions set forth in 37 CFR 10.40.

All future communications will continue to be directed to the above address until otherwise properly notified by the applicant.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 1642 for the mailing of the Final Rejection.

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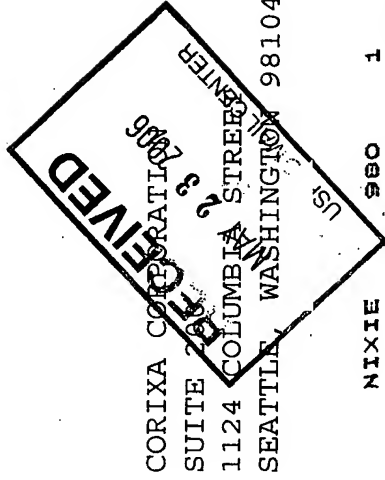


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